

## **SIEC Briefing Paper – Final Communications Plan**

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### **Description**

At the last SIEC Committee meeting on June 9, 2004, the Committee voted to adopt a schedule that required the final statewide public safety communications plan to be presented not later than May 30, 2005. The Committee will be asked to consider a new schedule that calls for completion of the final communications plan by December 31, 2004.

### **Recommendations to the Committee**

SIEC Staff recommends that the delivery schedule for the final plan as approved at the June 9, 2004 Committee meeting be amended to require that the final communications plan be presented to the Legislature and the ISB by December 31, 2004. The final plan would carry forward the goals of the Interim Plan and reference the creation of a Technical Implementation Plan, to be distributed in May 2005, which would provide the specific details on how the plan would be carried out.

### **Status**

Since the last SIEC meeting on June 9, 2004, the Committee completed the *Inventory of Statewide Public Safety Communications Systems Phase 1 Report*, and distributed it to the ISB and appropriate legislative committees. This report included inventory data from 27 local agencies in nine of the state's 39 counties.

Also since the last meeting, DIS successfully entered into a contract with Federal Engineering, Inc. Services to be provided by Federal Engineering include the preparation and distribution of a survey to be completed by the remaining local government jurisdictions. To the degree Federal Engineering is able to collect, compile and analyze inventory information, this data will be used as input to inform the final plan.

### **Issues**

The beginning of calendar year 2005 will mark the change of leadership in the Executive branch at the same time the Legislature convenes. The timely availability of a high-level, well considered plan would help educate these critical stakeholders of the state's current state of interoperability and help them formulate actions they could take to move the vital work of the SIEC forward.

### **Background**

In addition to the completion of the statewide inventory Phase 1 report, the SIEC has already successfully completed the first two deliverables mandated by its enabling legislation, the *Inventory of Government-Operated Public Safety Communications Systems* and the *Interim Statewide Public Safety Communications Systems Plan*.